



¶ By the King.

## A Proclamation restraining the Importation of any sort of Glasse from beyond Seas.



Hereas WEE are informed that great quantities of Glasse are by divers secret and unlawfull meanes Imported and brought into this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, from foreine parts beyond the Seas, and are here vittered and solde, aswell in contempt of a Proclamation by Us heretofore published, inhibiting the same, as to the great damage of Our louing Subiects, the Patentees of the Glasse-Works heere, who by their exceeding charge and great care having now brought the said Workes to good perfection, wee are in Justice and Honour to prouide for their indemnitie in that kinde; And howsoeuer for the better encouragement of the sayd Patentees, wee formerly granted them power of Importation

of Glasse from beyond Seas, yet Our royall meaning therein was, to continue that Licence no longer then the Glasse-Works heere should be brought to perfection: And therefore to the end that no person whatsoeuer should hereafter hope for, or expect favour or coniuencie for importing of Glasse, wee doe from henceforth inhibite and forbid the said Patentees, their Deputies and Assigines, to import, or cause to be imported into this Our realme and Dominion of Wales, any sort or kinde of Glasse whatsoeuer from any the parts beyond the Seas, other then such few varities of Glasse, as certaine Lords Our Commissioners for the Glasse-Works heere, and in Scotland, shall give their expresse warrant for in that behalfe, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same; Any Charter, Licence or Graunt by Us heretofore made to the said Patentees or others to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further wee doe by these Prellents straitly charge, prohibite and ordaine, That from and after the Date of this Our Proclamation, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall at any time hereafter presume to import, convey or bring, or cause to be imported, conveyed and brought into Our realme of England or Dominion of Wales, from any foreine part or parts beyond the Seas, or out of any other of Our Kingdomes or Dominions (except in such cases of necessitie as shall be allowed of by Our said Commissioners, and that to the Scottish Patentees onely) any maner, kinde, or fashion of Glasse or Glasses whatsoeuer, vpon paine of the forfeiture of all such Glasse as shall be so imported contrary to this Our royall Commandement, To be from time to time seised and taken in Our name, and one moytie thereof to be to Our vse, and the other moytie to him or them that shall discouer and seise the same, and vpon further paine of Our indignation and such other punishment as by Our Lawes or Prerogatiue royall may be inflicted vpon such offenders for their contempt in this behalfe; Whom wee will shall be from time to time by Our said Commissioners for the said Glasse-Works, conuented and called before them, and by them duely punished according to the merit of their offences.

And further vpon the like penalties, That no person or persons whatsoeuer that now vse, or hereafter shall vse the trade or occupation of retailing, selling or vittering of drinking Glasses, or other Glasses within any Our Dominions, shall at any time hereafter directly or indirectly,



buy, bargaine, or contract for any kinde or fashione of Glasse or Glasses made beyond the Seas, or in any of Our Kingdome and Dominions, other then in our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales (except in cases of necessitie to be allowed of, as aforesaid) to be imported, conueyed or brought into this Our Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales: And that no Vintner, Victualler or Inholder, or other person whatsoeuer, shall buy, receive or take any Glasse or Glasses whatsoeuer, but at the ordinary Shoppes, or other lawfull places for sale thereof; And that no Master of any Ship or Vessell shall permit or suffer any forreine Glasse to bee taken or brought aboard his Ship or Vessell, nor that any Mariner or Sailer shall bring or convey any such Glasse into this Realme or Dominion of Wales, vnder any colour or pretence whatsoeuer, vnder the paines and penalties before mentioned.

And further wee doe likewise straitly charge and inhibite by these presents, That from henceforth no person or persons whatsoeuer (other then the said English Patentees, their Deputies or Assigines) shal melt or make, or cause to be melted or made, any kinde, forme or fashione of Glasse or Glasses, with any sort of feuell whatsoeuer, within this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, vpon paine of forfeiture of such Glasse so made as aforesaid, and other punishment for their contempt in that behalfe; And that also from henceforth no person or persons whatsoeuer within Our said Kingdome and Dominion of Wales (other then the said English Patentees, their Deputies and Assigines) shall erect or build, or cause to be erected or built any Furnaces, Structures, Engines or Deuices, for the melting or making of any kinde or sort of Glasse, or Glasses, with, or by the helpe or meanes of any feuell whatsoeuer; And that no person shall abett, aide or assist any such persons as shall unlawfully erect, or attempt to erect any Furnace, Engine or Deuice for making of Glasse, either by demisling or letting them aby houses or ground for that vse or purpose, or otherwise howsoeuer, vpon paine of Our indignation, and such other punishment as by Our Lawes or Our Prerogative Royall, as aforesaid, may be likewise inflicted vpon them, Any Charter, Licence, Power, Authoritie or Priviledge to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, and vpon further paine of having the said Furnaces so unlawfully erected, demolished and pulled downe by the sayd English Patentees, their Deputies, Substitutes or Assigines, by Warrant or Warrants in that behalfe, to be to them first giuen vnder the hands of any of Our said Commissioners, as well within Liberties as without, Whom wee do hereby require and authorize to make and giue Warrants accordingly.

And lastly, wee doe hereby straitly charge and command all Justices of Peace, Mayors, Sherifffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Waiters, and other Our Officers and Ministers, to be from time to time aiding and assisting in the due execution of this Our Royall commandement, as they tender Our pleasure, and will answere the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at Theobalds, the fift and twentieth day of February, in the seventeenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

*God sau the King.*

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